



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Attorney Docket No: Q80023

Yuichi MURAKAMI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/784,962

Group Art Unit: 2875

Confirmation No.: 8463

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: February 25, 2004

For: DOOR OPENING/CLOSING DEVICE FOR VEHICLE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants encloses herewith a copy of a Search Report from the

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Appln. No.: 10/784,962

Attorney Docket Q80023

August 16, 2004

European Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

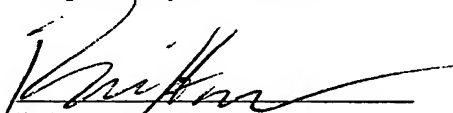
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

**23373**

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Respectfully submitted,



Brian W. Hannon

Registration No. 32,778

for

Robert V. Sloan

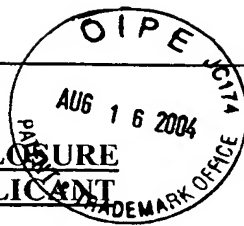
Registration No. 22,775

Date: August 16, 2004

Substitute for Form 1449 A &amp; B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)



Complete if Known

Application Number	10/784,962
Confirmation Number	8463
Filing Date	February 25, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yuichi MURAKAMI
Art Unit	2875
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	Q80023

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			
		DE	100 60 780	A	06/13/2002	Bayerisch Motoren Werke et al.	
		DE	198 22 733	A	11/25/1999	Bayerisch Motoren Werke et al.	
		FR	2 512 870	A	03/18/1983	Daimler Benz AG	
		EP	0 926 004	A	06/30/1996	Hella KG Hueck & Co.	
		DE	299 21 826	U	03/02/2000	Loewe Opta GmbH	
		DE	198 09 716	A	09/09/1999	Hella KG Hueck & Co.	
		DE	37 37 209	A	05/18/1989	Traeger Horst	

**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature

Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.